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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: PBSUCCESS

1. In conversations with [ ] at Station Lincoln on 5 January 1954, the undersigned was given to understand that [ ] has not been fully satisfied with the amount and type of support furnished by Headquarters, to date, for Project PBSUCCESS, and in particular for Station Lincoln. Station Lincoln is, according to [ ] the headquarters for PBSUCCESS field operations, and, as such, the Chief of Station Lincoln is directly responsible to the Director through Mr. Wisner, for all aspects of the Project.
2. [ ] in elaborating on the shortcomings of project support and coordination to date, stated that the project had assumed such proportions and must be coordinated with such high levels in other government departments (such as State and Defense) that it had become necessary to consider PBSUCCESS as an overall Agency project rather than as strictly a WHD project, hence project requirements in terms of personnel, materiel, liaison, etc. need not be restricted to WHD assets. For example, [ ] mentioned that he requires, immediately, a senior FI Operations Officer, and at least two additional clerk-typists at Station Lincoln. At least one of the required typists must be fluent in Spanish. [ ] is determined to obtain this personnel from any part of the Agency. [ ] told the undersigned that Mr. Wisner had "taken over" PBSUCCESS in order to ensure that the project will receive the proper support and coordination commensurate with the top priority accorded this project by the Director.
3. [ ] was further perturbed by the fact that the undersigned had not yet begun integration into State and that, apparently, my departure for the field would be at such a late date as to seriously hamper the conduct of certain phases of PBSUCCESS. In the writer's presence [ ] ~~drafted~~ drafted a cable to headquarters requesting that integration of the undersigned be initiated soonest.